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1. CHINA

IN 3/23 INTERVIEW W/VISITING BBC EXECS, POLITBURO MEMBER/
VICE CHRNM CCP ULANFU SAID CAMPAIGN AGAINST FOLLOWERS
GANG OF 4 "BASICALLY COMPLETED," ALTHO MUCH WORK REMAINS
BE DONE IN IDEOLOGICAL FIELD--I.E., RECTIFYING MISTAKES/
CLEARING UP IDEOLOGY. ULANFU ALSO SAID PRC WOULD SIGN
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PROPOSED PFT W/JAPAN ONLY IF CONTROVERSIAL ANTI-HEGEMONY
CLAUSE, SO FAR RESISTED BY GOJ, WERE INCLUDED (REUTER
PEKING 3/23).

"TASS" SUGGESTED 3/23 THAT MILITARISTIC ATTITUDE GAINING
MOMENTUM IN CHINA, AS NATION SEEKS GAIN GREAT-POWER STATUS.
AGENCY'S COMMENTARY, CITING RECENT PRC EXPLOSION OF NUKE
BOMB AND JUST-COMPLETED CHINESE CONF ON SCIENCE, SAID
PERHAPS CHINESE NUKE EXPLOSION IS "OMEN OF EVEN MORE
SINISTER CLOUDS OF MILITARISM" (AP MOSCOW SUN, WP).

ACCORDING CNA, TAIWAN WILL AGAIN PURCHASE ABOUT 268 MIL DOLS WORTH OF US PRODUCTS THIS YR. AGENCY QUOTED VINCENT SIEW, DEP DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TAIWAN BOARD OF FOM TRADE,

AS SAYING ROC WOULD SEND SECOND MISSION TO US IN MAY/JUNE TO BUY CAPITAL GOODS/RAW MATERIALS IN EFFORT REDUCE TRADE SURPLUS W/US (REUTER TAIPEI 3/23).

2. CHINA/JAPAN

MANSFIELD SAID WEDS THAT FULL SINO-US DIPLO RELS NOT POSSIBLE IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT THAT CARTER ADMIN WILL CONCENTRATE MORE ON BUILDING ASIAN TIES IN COMING YEARS. IN INTERVIEW W/UPI'S CRABBE (TOKYO 3/23), AMB SAID CARTER HAS TENDED CONCENTRATE ON EUROPE AT ASIA'S EXPENSE; OPINED "THIS PLACE (ASIA) IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN WESTERN EUROPE IN THE FUTURE. YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING OUT HERE, INCLUDING THE WORLD'S NEXT BIG OIL FIELDS OFF THE EAST ASIAN COAST."

MANSFIELD EXPRESSED DOUBT PRC WOULD REACH PREMIER HUA'S GOAL OF CATCHING UP W/WEST IN ECON DEVELOPMENT BY CENTURY'S UNCLASSIFIED

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END, BUT ADDED THAT PEKING IS TOO IMPORTANT TO BE IGNORED. AMB DECLARED "WE DON'T HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BECAUSE AT THE PRESENT TIME CARTER HAS AN AWFUL LOT ON HIS PLATE AND IT'S JUST NOT POSSIBLE AT THE MOMENT TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION."

3. JAPAN

UPI'S SHIMIZU (TOK 3/23) ADDS THAT MANSFIELD, IN 3/23 UPI INTERVIEW, SAID CARTER PAYING TO LITTLE ATTENTION; W EUROPE TOO MUCH; THAT HE HAS BEEN TRYING CORRECT SITUATION BY ADVISING WH/REASSURING ASIANS, BUT NOTED ASIANS WANT "THE ULTIMATE REASSURANCE"--US MIL MIGHT. SAID US PLANS W/DRAW TROOPS FROM SK WILL REDUCE AMERICAN MIL POSTURE IN ASIA TO "ABSOLUTE MINIMUM." URGED US STRENGTHEN PAC AIR FORCES/7TH FLEET (EXCERPTED IN WP).

JAPAN/EC FAILED ISSUE EXPECTED JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO CAP 3-DAY TOKYO TRADE MTG. EC CHIEF NEGOTIATOR POSTPONED "INDEFINITELY" SCHEDULED NEWS CONF--AT WHICH COMMUNIQUE EXPECTED (UPI, JOC).

4. KOREA

IN 3RD DAY CROSS-EXAMINATION AT HANCHO KIM TRIAL, FORMER KCIA AGENT S.K. KIM TESTIFIED HE "HAD NO CONFIDENCE" HANCHO KIM MADE PAYMENTS TO ANY MEMBERS CONGRESS.

SAID KIM SPENT MONEY ENTERTAINING CONGRESSMEN IN "FESTIVE WAY," BUT CLAIMED NO ACCOUNTING OF HOW MONEY SPENT (O'LEARY, WSTAR 3/23).

SENATE INVESTIGATORS SAID 3/23 THAT BESIDES DESCRIBING PAYMENTS TO CONGRESSMEN, TONGSUN PARK HAS TOLD THEM HE GAVE ROK OFFICIALS OVER MIL DOLS. ONE INVESTIGATOR CALLED PARK'S TESTIMONY "SEAMY STORY OF HIGH LIVING, WHEELING AND DEALING, OF INFLUENCE PEDDLING" (UPI, NYT; UNCLASSIFIED

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WP).

EFFECTIVE 3/25, ROKG HAS ORDERED ALL OVERSEAS CONSTRUCTION SERVICE EARNINGS BE DEPOSITED W/LOCAL BANKS UNTIL 1/4/79, IN ORDER PREVENT VOLUME OF MONEY IN CIRCULATION FROM INCREASING DRASTICALLY THIS YR (UPI, JOC).

GROUP KOREAN UNIV PROFS, APPOINTED BY ROKG TO APPRAISE GOVT POLICIES, RECOMMEND KOREAN WON BE ALLOWED FLOAT/BANK INTEREST RATES FOR DEPOSITS BE RAISED (UPI, JOC).

4. AUSTRALIA

RETURNING FROM 10-DAY JAPAN TRIP, DEP PM ANTHONY SAID PROLONGED US COAL STRIKE WILL BENEFIT AUSSIE/CANADIAN COAL EXPORTERS W/INCREASED SALES TO JAPAN. SAID WHILE STRIKE MIGHT BE "TERRIBLE THING" FOR AMERICA, "THEIR LOSS IS OUR GAIN" (REUTER SYDNEY 3/23).

5. INDOCHINA

COMMERCIAL AIR TRAFFIC ACROSS INDOCHINA RESUMED OFFICIALLY THURS FOR 1ST TIME SINCE WAR, CUTTING FLYING TIME BETWN BANGKOK/HK BY 1HR 15 MIN/SAVING MILLIONS DOLLARS IN FUEL. AIRLINES REPORTED NO HITCHES IN USE OF "AMBER ONE" CORRIDOR OVER LAOS/VN. LARGE NUMBER AIRLINES ALREADY GIVEN PERMISSION USE CORRIDOR, BUT PANAM APPLICATION STILL PENDING. AIRLINES USING NEW ROUTE WILL HAVE PAY EXTRA 1,000 DOLS FOR EACH ROUND TRIP--500 DOLS TO LAOS, 500 TO VN (REUTER'S MELUNCKY 3/23; JOC'S LORENZ, BOTH BANGKOK).

6. MALAYSIA

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MALAYSIA TO START OFF-SHORE MINING OPRNS TO INCREASE TIN PRODUCTION, ACCORDING PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MIN SPEAKING AT OPENING 3-DAY INTL TIN SYMPOSIUM. STRESSING NEED TO FIND MORE TIN FOR FUTURE NEEDS, MIN SAID COUNTRY ALSO PROSPECTING

FOR DEPOSITS IN NEW AREAS W/HELP OF FRG/HOLLAND/UN
(REUTER KL 3/23).

7. INDONESIA

UPI (JAKARTA JOC) REPORTS SUHARTO SWORE HIMSELF IN THURS
IN 32-MIN CEREMONY, WHICH INCL 12-MIN SPEECH.

NATOMAS CO REPORTS IT HAS DISCOVERED OIL IN 2 EXPLORATORY
WELLS OFF COAST SE SUMATRA, WHICH "CONFIRMS" EXISTENCE
"SUFFICIENT RESERVES" TO PROCEED W/CONSTRUCTION PERMANENT
PRODUCING PLATFORM W/HOPE OF STARTING PRODUCTION BY '79
(WSJ).

8. SINGAPORE/VIETNAM

TWO VIET PILOTS WHO DEFECTED WEDS TO SINGAPORE IN MIL
AIRCRAFT HAVE ASKED TO SETTLE IN US/THEIR APPLICATION
HAS BEEN SENT TO WASHINGTON, AMEMB SPOKESMAN SAID THURS.
MEN ASKED FOR/WERE GRANTED PERMISSION STAY IN SINGAPORE
WHILE THEIR APPLICATION BEING CONSIDERED (AP, PHINQ; UPI
3/23, BOTH SINGAPORE).

9. VIETNAM

ACCORDING WORLD BANK FIGURES, SRV NEEDS DEVELOPMENT AID
TOTTALLING 800 MIL DOLS THIS YR, 920 MIL DOLS NEXT YR,
NEARLY 1.1 BIL DOLS IN '80. ESTIMATES MADE BY UN COORDINA-
TOR INTL ASSISTANCE FOR RECONSTRUCTION VN BEFORE MEETING
CALLED FOLLOWING UNGA RESOLUTION APPEALING FOR INCREASED
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR VN RECONSTRUCTION. ALTHO UN AGENCIES
PROVIDED VN AID SINCE '75, VIET VICE FON AFFAIRS MIN
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SAID GREATEST NEED STILL FOR AID FOR AGRIC/COMMUNICATIONS/
TRANSPORTATION/FOOD/CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT FOR
LAND RECLAMATION/CULTIVATION (REUTER UN 3/23).

NYT'S KAMM (BANGKOK)REPORTS EISENBERG GROUP--MULTINATL
ORG SPECIALIZING IN INVESTMENT/TRADING IN DEVELOPING
NATIONS--IN "ADVANCE TALKING STAGES" IN NEGOTS W/SRV FOR
PROJECTS VALUED AT 600 MIL DOLS. SAYS FIRM ADMITS FINANCIN
CONTINUES BE PROBLEM, THAT SRV WOULD REQUIRE COMMERCIAL
CREDIT/GOVT AID ON 4-5 YR REPAYMENT PLAN. DISCUSSIONS
TAKING PLACE FOR THERMAL POWER PROJECT/HYDROPOWER
INSTALLATION/INTEGRATED GLASS/SODA PLANT/IMPORTATION
TRACTORS--"BY FAR THE LARGEST INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM" BY
W ENTERPRISES, ACCORDING HK BANK OF AMERICA. SAYS GROUP
HAS MADE 4 VISITS HANOI, WAS IMPRESSED W/TECHINICAL
QUESTIONS OF VIETS/THEIR CAPACITY ABSORB ANSWERS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDONESIA

REUTER'S HERTEL (JAKARTA) PREDICTS THIS WILL BE MOST DIFFICULT OF SUHARTO'S 3 TERMS IN OFFICE, SINCE HE IS FINDING IT EVER HARDER TO BASE HIS GOVT ON CONSENSUS. SAYS HIS ADMIN COMING UNDER WIDENING CRITICISM/MINORITY PPP HAS W/DRAWN ITS SUPPORT FOR SOME OF HIS POLICIES. CONTENTS COUNTRY'S TRADITION OF SEEKING PARLIAMENTARY CONSENSUS RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION MIGHT BE COMING TO END UNLESS PRES MAKES EVEN MORE CONCESSIONS TO MINORITY GROUPS. NOTES HIS SKILL IN SMOOTHING CONFRONTATIONS/WORKING OUT COMPROMISE PROBABLY MAIN REASON WHY OPPOSITION AGAINST HIS "NEW ORDER" REGIME HAS REMAINED SPLINTERED INTO VARIOUS RELATIVELY SMALL/UNCOORDINATED GROUPS.
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11. CAMBODIA

NYT'S ANDELMAN (BELGRADE) ALSO WRITES PIECE ON REPORTS OF 4 YUGOSLAV JOURNALISTS WHO TOURED CAMBODIA FOR 2 WKS. SAYS THEY WERE RECEIVED FOR 2 HRS BY POL POT, HEAD OF "SHADOWY GROUP OF LEADERS." THEY REPORTED THAT POL POT TOLD THEM HIS AIM IS TO BUILD SOCIETY IN WHICH "ALL WILL PARTICIPATE IN PRODUCTION/NATL DEFENSE." SAID THEY FOUND 1ST SMALL RUDIMENTS OF SOCIETY/ECON LIFE BEGINNING RE-APPEAR, THAT MOST INTENSIVE EFFORTS OF NEW LEADERSHIP DIRECTED TOWARD REBUILDING SYSTEM DIKES/IRRIGATION CANALS. MOBILE BRIGADES RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING WERE SAID TO WORK UNDER "APPALLING CONDITIONS."

JOURNALISTS NOTED PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COUNTRY RESEMBLES THAT IN REFUGEES' REPORTS. PP SAID TO HAVE 200,000 PEOPLE--NOT 20,000 AS REPORTED IN WP. QUOTED POL POT THAT MORE/MORE PEOPLE VISITING KAMPUCHEA, BUT THEY WANT MAKE COUNTRY "NEATER AND MORE BEAUTIFUL" BEFORE RECEIVING GUESTS.

12. JAPAN

UAW VP GREATHOUSE, IN TOKYO 3/23, URGED JAPANESE AUTO MFRS SHIFT PRODUCTION OF THEIR MOST POPULAR CARS TO US. STATED UNION DIDN'T ADVOCATE CREATING ANY TRADE BARRIERS AGAINST CAR IMPORTS, BUT WHEN SALES OF PARTICULAR MODEL REACH 200,000-250,000 IN US, AS WITH SOME TOYOTO/NISSAN MODELS NOW, IT SHOULD BE PRODUCED IN US (REUTER TOKYO 3/23).

13. CHINA/BURMA

CSM RANGOON CORRESPONDENT VIEWS GOB AS "ANOTHER SETBACK" FOR PEKING EFFORTS WIN FRIENDS/INFLUENCE PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN ASIA. FINDS PEKING RELS W/BURMESE "HAVE REACHED

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AN APPARENT NEW LOW," WITH NE WIN REGIME REPORTEDLY REASSESSING "ITS LONGTIME POLICY OF TRYING TO PLEASE CHINA." CITES ONE ANALYST THAT ALTHOUGH NO SIGN GOB IS CONSIDERING RISKY COURSE OF CLOSER RELS W/SOVIETS, PEKING--WHICH CAN NO LONGER TAKE RANGOON'S FRIENDSHIP FOR GRANTED--MAY NEED BE MORE ON GUARD THAN EVER BEFORE TO RESTRAIN BURMESE FROM ANY TEMPTATION IN THIS DIRECTION. MORE LIKELY BURMESE COURSE TO COMPENSATE FOR FREEZE W/ PEKING SEEN AS BUILDING CLOSER TIES W/INDIA/THAIS/OTHER SEA STATES--THO ANOTHER NE WIN OPTION WOULD BE BID TO IMPROVE RELS W/US, INCL EFFORTS BUY SMALL AMOUNTS ARMS, RECEIVE ECON AID. WRITER NOTES HEART OF ISSUE IS PEKING'S REFUSAL TONE DOWN MORAL/MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR "INCREASINGLY EXPERIENCED AND MILITARILY ACTIVE" BURMESE CP. VANCE

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